Diktat issued by militant organisation

2558. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned "Jabbar renews burqa diktat, sets April 1 deadline" appearing in Hindustan Times on 16th March, 2002;

(b) whether such nefarious activities and Talibanistic diktats by Lashkar-e-Jabbar spreading panic have cropped up again in the Jammu and Kashmir valley left gaining; and

(c) if so, the immediate steps being taken by Government to control their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of the news-item. According to the available information, a lesser-known militant outfit "Lashkar-e-Jabbar" supported behind the scene by a few other outfits like Dukhatam-e-Milat, JUM and Mahaz-e-Islami issued public diktats in Jammu and Kashmir to regulate the "dress code" for women of different religions and had fixed a deadline of 1st April, 02 for compliance. However, as informed by the State Government the diktat has not evoked any responce from the general public in the Valley and the womenfolk in particular have not paid any heed this time despite the passing of the deadline. The present threat has not been able to attract public attention and has gone largely unnoticed.

Earlier also in August-September, 01 Lashkar-c-Jabbar had launched a similar vicious campaign and at that time few cases of acid throwing were reported, which v/ere subsequently proved to be the result of animosity and illegitimate relationship. The campaign had been denounced by all walks of life including even separatist leaders in the Kashmir Valley.

Various precautionary steps have been taken by the State Government to meet the nefarious designs of such terrorist outfits, which include:—

(i) Intensified checking in towns particularly near women's educational institutions;

(ii) Policemen and women police in civics have been pressed into service for picking up miscreants by surprise;

(iii) At district police level special intelligence branch have been further activated to collect advance inputs;

(iv) The Bus terminals have been adequately kept under watch and protected;

(v) State intelligence agency has also geared up field formation to collect intelligence so that preventive arrests can be made.

Losses to MCD due to illegal parking lots

†2559. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of parking lots functioning under the jurisdiction of M.C.D. alongwith number of parking lots being run illegally;

(b) whether it is a fact that M.C.D. is suffering loss of crores of rupees on account of connivance of its corrupt officials with people running illegal parking lots; if so, by when Government would like to increase its revenue earning by stopping illegal parking lots; and

(c) the details of rules, if any, framed for regulating the functioning of parking lots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Arrest of Simi Activists in Surat, Gujarat

†2560. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.